

That's because the Capitol Police is one of the premier law enforcement agencies in preventing crimes from taking place. Each and every day, talented Capitol Police officers apprehend dangerous individuals trying to get into the Capitol complex.

Most of the time Members of Congress aren't aware of the Capitol Police and the job that they do. That's because, when done properly, good law enforcement usually goes unnoticed. The fact that there are virtually no incidents at the U.S. Capitol complex is a testament to the high competency of the Capitol Police.

The bottom line is the Capitol Police deserve to be compensated at a level commensurate with the job they perform. They certainly deserve to be compensated at the same level of the fine men and women of the Uniformed Division of the U.S. Secret Service. As noted above, the duties of the Uniformed Division are similar to that of the Capitol Police.

Under our legislation, the starting annual salary for a U.S. Capitol Police private class 1 would rise from \$30,445 to \$31,292. the salary for a veteran U.S. Capitol Police private would also rise from \$41,671 to \$45,041.

I am proud to introduce this important legislation, and I urge all of my colleagues to support it.

THE NUCLEAR WASTE POLICY ACT OF 1997

SPEECH OF

HON. DAN SCHAEFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 29, 1997

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1270 to amend the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982:

Mr. DAN SCHAEFER of Colorado. Mr. Chairman, the manager's amendment makes a number of noncontroversial changes to H.R. 1270, reflecting the views of the Committee on Commerce, Committee on Resources, and Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

First, the amendment directs DOE to use highway and rail routes that minimize transportation through populated areas, to the maximum extent practicable. This provision was offered by Representative SAWYER of Ohio in the Commerce Committee, and incorporated into the manager's amendment at his request. The Transportation and Infrastructure Committee has no objection to this change.

Second, the amendment directs the Secretary of Transportation to establish procedures for the selection of preferred rail routes for transportation of nuclear waste to the interim storage facility and repository. DOT is directed to consult with State emergency response officials in the development of these preferred rail routes. This provision was included in the manager's amendment at the request of Representative MCCARTHY of Missouri, and incorporates the views of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. Both Representative MCCARTHY and the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee have indicated a desire to make some revisions to this language, and I will work with them in conference to that end.

Third, the amendment makes technical changes to provisions governing emergency response training.

Fourth, the amendment deletes section 207 of the bill, which provides for the development of private interim storage facilities. This provision was included at the request of our colleagues from Utah. In recent years, there has been interest in development of private interim storage facilities. H.R. 1270 as reported by the Commerce Committee included a provision that directed the NRC to review license applications "at the earliest practicable date, to the extent permitted by applicable provisions of law and regulation." Section 207 also directed DOE to encourage efforts to develop private storage facilities by providing requested information and assistance.

The deletion of section 207 does not modify NRC's existing responsibility to review license applications and issue licenses for private interim storage facilities. In the same manner, the deletion of section 207 does not diminish DOE's obligation to provide information and assistance to the developers of private storage facilities.

Fifth, the amendment clarifies that nothing in H.R. 1270 affects the application of Federal rail and highway laws. This provision was included in the manager's amendment at the request of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

Sixth, the amendment adds separability provisions to assure if a part of H.R. 1270 is held invalid, the remainder is not invalid. This provision is identical to the provisions in the current Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982.

Seventh, the amendment provides for establishment of training standards for emergency responders. This language is important to assure that firefighters are adequately trained to respond to transportation accidents.

I urge my colleagues to support the manager's amendment.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 6, 1997

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 571, I was inadvertently recorded as an "aye." It was my intention to vote "no" on that measure. I ask that the RECORD reflect my intentions.

BETHEL EDUCATIONAL CENTER— PREPARING OUR CHILDREN FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 6, 1997

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, all parents want their children to grow and learn in an uplifting and positive environment. In many communities local churches have provided a secure and loving place for children, particularly for those families who have both parents in the workforce. In 1997, the Reverend Harold C. Huggins envisioned and founded a center where the children of Saginaw could receive educational challenges and a caring environment. Two decades later, the Bethel Educational Center in Saginaw, MI, continues to

provide high quality educational child care services and provide a positive and safe environment for the children. This weekend, the Bethel Educational Center is celebrating its 20th anniversary, focusing on "Preparing Our Children for the 21st Century."

The Bethel Educational Center continues to effectively prepare the children of Saginaw for our competitive global economy. The program received country-wide attention for their curriculum which consists of reading readiness, hands-on computer training, mathematics and science activities, dramatic play, creative art, music, Spanish lessons, gross and fine motor skills development, and health and nutrition. Full daycare is provided for infants and children through 5 years and a latchkey program is furnished for those parents with elementary schoolchildren.

The Reverend Huggins organized a series of meetings in 1977 with members of the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church to discuss providing a positive setting and a safe place for parents to leave their children. The Bethel Day Care Center was organized and granted a license certificate by the State of Michigan Day Care Licensing Agency shortly thereafter.

The members of the church decided that the church pastor would be responsible for running the center and a nine-member board would oversee the operation. The committee wanted the program to focus on child development by providing for intellectual, educational, physical, and social needs for preschool age children. Not only does the congregation provide moral support and strong Christian beliefs, they also provide financial support and other resources for the exceptional program.

Many in the community have played a role in making this program the success it is today, including Rev. Clarence G. Robinson, Dillon L. Bowman, and P. David Saunders. The first director, Ethel Shaw, left big shoes to fill but future directors Iris Sprowl, Carolyn Byas, Pauline Lawrence, Jacqueline Eichelberger, Rudein Glass, Erman McKinney, Michael Times, and the current director, Natasha Burns, carried on her tradition of devoted and progressive leadership.

Mr. Speaker, the Bethel Educational Center has been a strong foundation for the children and the community. I urge you and your colleagues to join me in recognizing the outstanding contributions to the community and congratulating them on 20 years of dedication, caring, and success.

MacBRIDE PRINCIPLES OF ECO- NOMIC JUSTICE ACT OF 1997, H.R. 2833

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 6, 1997

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, today, I am pleased to introduce along with Speaker GINGRICH, the Federal MacBride principles bill, H.R. 2833 a very important anti-discrimination measure dealing with employment practices in Northern Ireland. This bill includes these important employment requirements as conditions for receipt by any grantee of U.S. taxpayer contributions to the International Fund for Ireland [IFI].